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Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In paragraph 25 (b) of its resolution 64/236, the General Assembly decided that the second session of the Preparatory Committee would be held to discuss further the substantive themes of the Conference, namely, a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication and the institutional framework for sustainable development, and pending procedural matters.

The Preparatory Committee may wish to decide also on the specific modalities for its third session, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 25 (a), (b), (c) and (d) of resolution 64/236.

At its first session, the Preparatory Committee decided to establish two contact groups: one to address the preparatory process (Contact Group 1) and one to address the rules of procedure of the Conference (Contact Group 2).

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2. Progress to date and remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits in the area of sustainable development, as well as an analysis of the themes of the Conference

In paragraph 26 of resolution 64/236, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on progress to date and remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits in the area of sustainable development, as well as an analysis of the themes of the Conference, to the Preparatory Committee at its first session. A report (A/CONF.216/PC/2) was submitted to the Committee to support its first session.

At the first session of the Preparatory Committee, Contact Group 1 requested all relevant organizations to provide technical contributions and inputs to the report of the Secretary-General on the objective and themes of the Conference to support the second session of the Committee.

Also at the first session, Contact Group 1 requested the secretariat to seek information, inputs and contributions, including through a questionnaire addressed to Member States, the United Nations system, international financial institutions, major groups and other stakeholders, on their experiences, including success factors, challenges and risks with respect to the objective and themes of the Conference, and to prepare, with the guidance of the Bureau, a synthesis of the information and contributions collected.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the objective and themes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (A/CONF.216/PC/7)

Note by the Secretariat: synthesis report on best practices and lessons learned on the objective and themes of the Conference (A/CONF.216/PC/8)

3. Organizational and procedural matters

In paragraph 25 (a), (b) and (c) of resolution 64/236, the General Assembly decided on the number and timing of the preparatory meetings to be held and that pending procedural matters would be discussed at the first meeting.

4. Draft rules of procedure for the Conference

At the first session of the Preparatory Committee, Contact Group 2 reviewed the draft provisional rules of procedure for the Conference.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional rules of procedure for the Conference (A/CONF.216/PC/4)

5. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session

The report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session will be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session for its consideration and appropriate action.